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SUBJECT: UK VIEWS ON FUTURE EC ASSOCIATION ARRANGEMENTS
WITH AFRICA

1. IN MEETINGS WITH DUNCAN IN LONDON ON APRIL 2-3,
BRITISH OFFICIALS DESCRIBED UK POLICY ON THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITY' S FUTURE ASSOCIATION ARRANGEMENTS WITH AFRICA.

2. UNTIL EARLY THIS YEAR, THEY SAID, THE UK HOPED THAT
THE COMMONWEALTH ASSOCIABLES WOULD SIMPLY CHOOSE THE
FIRST " OPTION" IN PROTOCOL 22 OF THE EC ACCESSION
TREATY AND JOIN A RENEWED YAOUNDE CONVENTION.
THIS APPROACH IS NO LONGER FEASIBLE, HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF
THE HOSTILITY THAT SO MANY AFRICAN COUNTRIES HAVE SHOWN
TOWARD REVERSE PREFERENCES AND OTHER ASPECTS OF THE
YAOUNDE CONVENTION. BRITISH OFFICIALS NOW CONSIDER THAT
THE COMMUNITY SHOULD DROP THE THREE OPTIONS IN PROTOCOL
22 AND AGREE TGESTED AS AN EXAMPLE THAT THEY COULD FLY A
UNIT IN FOR JUNGLE TRAINING AND BRING BACK A GOI UNIT
FOR TRAINING IN NZ. GOI WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN SENDING
AN OFFICER TO NZ DEFENSE HQ TO STUDY THEIR TRAINING AND
MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS. GOI MINISTER OF DEFENSE HAD MADE
IT CLEAR THAT HE PREFERRED TO MOVE TOWARD BILATERAL
RELATIONS WITH NZ SOON AND THEN MOVE ON TO MULTILATERAL
DEFENSE EXERCISES BY ADDING GOA AND POSSIBLY GOM.

B. SINGAPORE/ KUALA LUMPUR: ROBERTSON CONFIRMED
HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT GOA WAS PLANNING TO WITHDRAW
ITS BATTALION BY END OF 75. HE SAID THAIS, INDONESIANS,
AND PHILIPPINES ALL URGED GNZ TO STAY IN FPDA. REMARKING
THAT THE FOLLOWING WAS SENSITIVE, HE SAID THEY ARGUED
THAT IF GNZ STAYED PERHAPS UK COULD ALSO BE PERSUADED
TO REMAIN. GNZ PLANNED INFORM GOA DEFENSE MINISTER
BARNARD WHEN HE COMES HERE APRIL 13 THAT GNZ WILL
REMAIN IN FPDA. GNZ PREPARED STAY IN FPA ALTHOUGH
IT WOULD MEAN THAT THEY WOULD BE
ACTING INDEPENDENTLY OF GOA ON A MILITARY MATTER FOR THE
FIRST TIME. GNZ WAS ALSO PREPARED TO INCREASE WITHIN
ITS RESOURCES EXCHANGE OF TROOP TRAINING WITH SINGAPORE
AND KUALA LUMPUR.

C. BANGKOK: I ASKED ROBERTSON IF IT WERE TRUE
THAT NZ WOULD ONLY PARTICIPATE IN SEATO CPX EXERCISES.
HE REPLIED " THAT IS NOT ENTIRELY ACCURATE" (REFTEL).
HE CONTINUED " WE HAVE TOLD THE THAIS AND WILL TELL YOU
THAT WE GOT THE MESSAGE ALL ALONG THE ROAD TO DO NOTHING
TO PRECIPITATE US REVIEW OF ITS POSITION IN THAILAND".
THEREFORE, NEW ZEALAND, WOULD CONTINUE
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TO ADHERE TO THE MANILA TREATY WITH THE UNDERSTANDING
THAT GNZ WOULD GRADUALLY PHASE OUT. ROBERTSON SAID
" THE THAIS ARE THE TWITCHIEST I HAVE EVER FOUND
THEM". WE ASSURED THEM, HE SAID, THAT WE WOULD DO
NOTHING PRECIPITATE. SPECIFICALLY, GNZ, HE SAID,
WOULD LIKE TO SEE SEATO NO LONGER DEVELOPING MILITARY
PLANS AND LEAVE THEM AND " FORCE DECLARATIONS" AS THEY NOW
ARE. GNZ PREPARED TO REDUCE MILITARY EXERCISES.
GNZ AGREED WITH THAIS THAT THREAT IS SUBVERSION
AND SHARED THAIS VIEW THAT THERE SHOULD BE
MILITARY SECRETARIAT TO ACT AC CLEARING HOUSE OF INSURGENCY
AND COUNTER- INSURGENCY TECHNIQUES AND TO BRING THE
COUNTRIES OF SEATO CLOER TOGETHER BILATERALLY. GNZ
MADE CLEAR IT FELT ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL SIDE OF SEATO
FAR TOO COSTLY, " 90 CENTS OF EVERY DOLLAR WE SPEND ON THIS
SIDE OF SEATO GOES TO ADMINI
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